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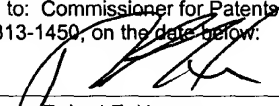
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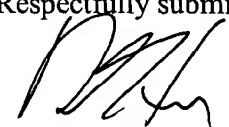
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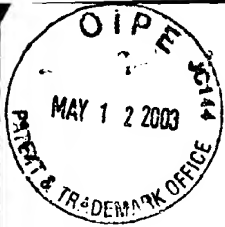
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In re Application of:
Qi Wang et al.

Serial No.: 09/804,733

Filed: March 13, 2001

For: RECOMBINANT PROTEINS
CONTAINING REPEATING UNITS

Group Art Unit: 1638

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED APRIL 3, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 3, 2003, for which the date for response is May 5, 2003, as May 3 falls on a Saturday.

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In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-18 and 20, *i.e.*, the Group V claims.

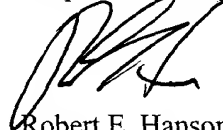
Claim Groups I-V are each drawn to a method for producing a recombinant protein containing two tandem repeat units in a host cell. The restricted claims all include the same

claims, claims 1-19, save group V, which concerns claims 1-18 and 20. Similarly, the claims all have the same classification; class 435, subclass 69.1. It thus cannot reasonably be alleged that the claim groupings cannot be used together and have different modes of operation – they are from the same claims and have the same classification. This is true with respect to Groups VII-XI, XV-XIX and XX-XXIV as well. Where the claims of an application define the same essential characteristics of a single disclosed embodiment, restriction therebetween should never be required. M.P.E.P. § 806.03. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the restrictions within these groups be withdrawn.

Applicants further note that, in addition to a showing that the claims are independent, a serious burden on the examiner must also be shown in order to properly maintain the restriction. M.P.E.P. § 803. No such showing has been provided or explained as is required pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §132. The fact that the recited claim groupings include the same claims and same classification of subject matter shows that such a burden is not present with regard to the recited groupings. For this and the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction within Groups I-V, VII-XI, XV-XIX and XX-XXIV be withdrawn.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3085 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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